

How visa and nationality of the adopted child are treated?

We experienced consultation about adoption inquired by alien residents living in Japan or about child-invitation from home country. We heard that some of them would like to adopt not their own child but nephew/niece or would like to adopt child of their friend. This explains the relationship between the adoption and child visas in Japan.



If you are not biological parent of the child, it is quite complex to take procedure for adoption or child-invitation.

Let's consider this case on the assumption that you are currently married to the Japanese and your spouse, Japanese, tries to adopt the child that has come to Japan from your home country.

In this case, the child is eligible for status of residence as long term resident. (The child can obtain status of residence for long term resident as "child of one's wife by her former marriage" even if no adoptive procedure is taken or you are not currently married.) If you are not biological parent of the child, it is very difficult to take adoptive procedure or to let child come to Japan from home country. In Japan if either adopted parent or adopted child is foreign nationality, adoption system is governed by the law of the adopted parent's home country. But we need to respect the law of adopted child home country if they have different nationalities of adopted parents and if biological parent's acceptance is required by the adopted child's home country law. The procedure will become more and more complex because we need to push forward procedure while balancing with the laws between Japan and other country.

Eligibility age of for the status of residence as long term resident: Max. 17~18 years old

We paid attention to the following case:

One alien resident wants to live in Japan with biological child living in overseas. In this case, some alien residents have misunderstanding that status of residence will be automatically issued to the adopted child or Japanese citizenship will be given to the adoptive child if only adoption with Japanese husband is completed. However, adoption system and status of residence are not related directly in principle. Even if adopted parent would be Japanese, it would be impossible for adopted child with foreign nationality to get Japanese citizenship. It is necessary to take additionally naturalization process as Japanese citizenship but it is imperative to obtain status of resident before taking naturalization process.

We paid attention to another case:

Alien resident living in Japan and Japanese spouse want to live in Japan with his or her biological adult child living in alien country after child-invitation and adoption procedure. In Japan the status of residence as long term resident will be given to the child whose age is less than 18 years old after child-invitation from home country to Japan. Therefore, it is impossible for the child over 18 years old to obtain the status of residence. Please pay careful attention when taking adoptive procedure. It is advisable to consult an expert for adoptive and lawful opinion in advance. (Written by certified administrative procedures specialist, Ms Miho Maeda)

Free vaccination for cervical cancer prevention !

From February 1 2011 on, a prevention vaccination to prevent infection of type HPV16 and type HPV18 to cause the uterine cervix cancer has been cost-free.

This vaccination cannot prevent all of uterine cancer, but it is said that it is effective to reduce a risk. This vaccination is intended for girls of the ages to fit seventh grade at until tenth grade in senior high school with resident registration (including alien registration)

The 2nd inoculation will be done from the first inoculation 30 days later and the third inoculation will be done within six month from the first inoculation. Please contact us for detailed information, Fujimi City Health Center 049-253-3771, Kamifukuoka Health Center 049-264-8292

Why don't you join "International Festival"?

We, "Fujimino International Cultural Exchange Center" celebrates its 15th anniversary soon. We hold in commemoration of this 15th anniversary "International festival" at the park next to present Mycal Ooi Saty Building on May 28th, Saturday. Now we are recruiting participants with foreign nationalities. In addition, we are looking for the goods contributed to bazaar and they will become administration fund of FICEC. Please get in touch with us if there are disused goods of your homeland ones and we will pick up the goods at your house. ☎ 049-256-4290

◆ Strange social customs and manners in Japan Written by Ms. Yuka Kishigami

Multinational foods are sold at the super-market in Japan. !?

It hit me something interesting when I was cooking curry and rice at home the other day. I found that half of all food materials for curry and rice were imported from oversea. Onion from New Zealand, Meat from Australia, Broccoli from USA, Pumpkin from Brazil, Bean Soy Curd made from Canadian soybeans and etc. It was not a mysterious thing, but I noticed again that a lot of food materials and products imported from overseas were being sold at supermarkets in Japan. It is no wonder that food self-sufficiency rate in Japan is 40%. As for food materials and products in Japan, Japan-made food materials and products will be less than half. 40% as food self-sufficiency rate is low compared to such countries USA, France and Australia as food self-sufficiency rate is more than 100%. If the food materials and products are made inside the country, it would be possible to save costs and transportation distances to carry them. It is not only safe and secure but also environmentally friendly because less energy is used for carrying foods materials by transportation vehicles. If all of the food materials and products are arranged inside Japan, it is not only convenient and economic but we also will feel gratitude and possibility of local production for local consumption.

Wanted, interpreter !

We are looking for persons to translate Japanese into your native languages.

We, FICEC, have been introducing and printing a variety of information translated into different languages to the website, in collaboration with administrative organization or in our own planning. Currently, the number of translators is not enough. We are looking for the staff who can both translate Japanese into Tagalogu, Spanish, Korean, Portuguese, Chinese and operate PC in-put directly. Please call us. You are paid for your manuscript at our standard rate. For more information, ☎ 049-256-4290

Benten no Mori Salon, Ooi Japanese Language Class" starts at Ureshino Kaikan.

There is a lot of Japanese language classes around Fujimino city. One of them is "Benten no Mori Salon, Ooi Japanese Language Class" which have long history. Japanese Language Class is held from 10:00 until 12:30 on the first and third Wednesday at Ureshino Kaikan. In addition, we have Japanese language class at FICEC in the same building every Thursday and you can study Japanese language in both classes. It takes 20 minutes from Fujimino station on foot. Please call up us if you have trouble on foot. We will pick up you at the station.

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